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P.O. Box 122
Kinston N.C.

Dear MR. MANLEY:

I have been asked by HOBGOOD and WARTERS to write a letter concerning a recommendation, a recommendation is something I donot like to give and seldom give one, but in this case I feel satisfied and confidential that you will find everything I write about in these boys.

I manage these boys in 1940, but it wasNT their first year playing. They played aprocemately (700) games in 1939. WATERS PLAYING in (67) games with a batting average of ~~****~~(324), and a fielding average of (981(at that time weighing (142), but in 1940, the year I manage them, Waters improved greatly, playing in (63) games, batting (364) fielding (996), weighing (149), ~~*FESS~~ possessing a strong throwing arm with excellent control, smooth fielding and I feel sure he will be interested in the oppertunity you give him, as for Hobgood , a recommendation can not explain the many thing he can do,. I have seen a large number of lefthanders, colored and white, but has never seen ~~one~~ one with the coolness and control of curve ball that Hobgood prosesse, he is very ambitious. ~~*one*cc*~~
~~**~~ Against the WEST INDAIN ROYAL'S he stole home to win his own game (3-2).

In 1939 , HOBGOOD first year out of school, he had arecord of (9) wins; ~~(1)~~ (1) defeat, with a strikeout record of (70) in (95) innings ,but in 1940 , he too improved greatly with a record of (19) victories, (3) defeats, (146) strikeouts, (14) walks. He bats on the left side with an average of ~~****~~ (327).

Their desire is to come to NEWARK because COZART asked them, he told them that you were the best man for a young ball player to be under, other clubs such as the WEST INDAIN ROYAL GIANTS, THE ETHIOPIAN CLOWNS have writting these boys,

If you desire further recommendation please write P.O. BOX 122 KINSTON N. C.

YOURS TRUELY
C.D.LEONARD.